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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.**

*St. James's Palace, S.W.1.  
22nd December, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:—

*To be an Additional Member of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:*

Captain Anthony Follett Pugsley, D.S.O., Royal Navy (Tiverton),  
for distinguished service in command of the Naval Forces which took part in the assault on the Island of Walcheren.

**ADMIRALTY.**

*Whitehall.  
22nd December, 1944.*

The KING has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following appointment to the Distinguished Service Order and to approve the following awards:—

For gallantry, determination and devotion to duty in the assault and capture of the Island of Walcheren:

*To be a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order:*

Acting Commander Kenneth Anderson Sellar, D.S.C., Royal Navy (Troon).

*Second Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.*  
Temporary Lieutenant Arthur Cheney, D.S.C., R.N.V.R. (Cardiff).

*Bar to the Distinguished Service Cross.*  
Commander Ronald McClellan Powning Jonas, D.S.C., Royal Navy (Fordingbridge).  
Acting Commander Redvers Michael Prior, D.S.O.; D.S.C., Royal Navy (London).

Temporary Lieutenant Alfred Hunter Ballard, D.S.C., R.N.R. (Westcliff).  
Temporary Lieutenant Eric Anfield Tiplady, D.S.C., R.N.V.R. (Hull).

*The Distinguished Service Cross.*

Temporary Lieutenant-Commander Lionel Cuthbert Arden Leefe, Royal Navy (Anglesey).  
Temporary Lieutenant-Commander Charles Robert Wall, R.N.V.R. (Sheffield).  
Lieutenant John Kenneth Matthias, R.N.V.R. (Cowes).  
Temporary Lieutenant George Stedman Ring, R.N.R.  
Temporary Lieutenant Norman Douglas Chamberlain, R.N.V.R.  
Temporary Lieutenant Norman Orrell Ellams, R.N.V.R.  
Temporary Lieutenant Robert James Elliott, R.N.V.R. (Stoke).  
Temporary Lieutenant George Alexander Flamank, R.N.V.R. (Upper Norwood).  
Temporary Lieutenant Ernest Walter Howard, R.N.V.R. (Ipswich).  
Temporary Lieutenant Clifford James Holbrook, R.N.V.R. (Bristol).  
Temporary Lieutenant John Phillipson, R.N.V.R. (Stockport).  
Temporary Lieutenant Aubrey David Waters, R.N.V.R.  
Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Ian Arthur Pegrune Rumsey, R.N.V.R.  
Temporary Acting Sub-Lieutenant Dennis Henry Till, R.N.V.R. (Exeter).

*The Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.*

Leading Seaman Owen Joseph McGrath, LT/JX.228057.

On 1st November, 1944, Leading Seaman McGrath was Coxswain in L.C.P.(L)144 during the assault on Westkapelle, in which craft no Officer was embarked. Her duty was to make smoke on the Southern flank.

Many craft were hit by the accurate enemy fire, and some blew up very close inshore under the enemy guns. L.C.P.(L)144 was ordered to close, make smoke and pick up survivors. This was done at point blank range with an off-shore wind making effective smoke difficult. By his most courageous action Leading Seaman McGrath rescued over twenty survivors.

Leading Motor Mechanic William Herbert Cheeney, P/MX.124844.

On 1st November, 1944, during the assault on Westkapelle L.C.S.(L)260 received a direct shell hit in the wing petrol tank which penetrated to and caused a fire in the engine room. Leading Motor Mechanic Cheeney succeeded alone in getting the engine room fire under control with extinguishers, but could not get near the tank compartment hatch owing to the heat. When another craft came alongside to assist, Cheeney had a hose rigged from her, and sitting from outboard in the shell-hole in the ship's side, fought and put out the fire. Undeterred by the knowledge that petrol remained on board, he saved his ship by his very gallant action.

*The Distinguished Service Medal.*

Acting Chief Motor Mechanic Frank Woods, C/MX.500838 (Chorley).  
 Temporary Corporal (Acting Temporary Sergeant) Stanley Victor Brooks, Ch/X.805 (Deal).  
 Petty Officer John Joseph Davorn, D/JX.145599.  
 Acting Petty Officer Harry Best, C/JX.159393.  
 Petty Officer Motor Mechanic Frederick George Curtis, C/MX.99653 (Alveston).  
 Petty Officer Motor Mechanic John Robert Sherbourne, P/MX.99327 (Oxford).  
 Yeoman of Signals Anthony Edward Jones, D/JX.145443 (Pencoed).  
 Leading Seaman William Jackson Cade, D/JX.238241 (Newcastle).

Leading Seaman Stanley William Winrow, P/JX.257713 (Bolton).  
 Temporary Acting Leading Seaman John Smith, P/JX.395453.  
 Temporary Acting Leading Signaller William Alexander Gow, C/JX.258010 (Harwich).  
 Able Seaman Derry Cook, C/SSX.29770.  
 Acting Able Seaman James Gallacher, C/JX.378014 (Glasgow).  
 Stoker First Class John Minnock, P/KX.145185 (Lanark).  
 Marine John George Woods, Ch/X.108800 (Preston).

*Mention in Despatches.*

Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Frederick Arnold Fewster, R.N.V.R.  
 Temporary Sub-Lieutenant Donald Harper Young, R.N.V.R.  
 Chief Motor Mechanic George William O'Bee, C/MX.117690 (Gillingham).  
 Petty Officer Telegraphist Cyril Douglas Lusted, C/JX.153199.  
 Yeoman of Signals David Mial Trevor Jones, P/JX.151466.  
 Leading Seaman Ronald Wilson, C/JX.184924 (Newcastle-on-Tyne).  
 Leading Signaller Ernest Hodgson, D/J.38351 (Steeton, Nr. Keighley).  
 Able Seaman James Wilson Bark, C/JX.377947 (Stranraer).  
 Able Seaman Alexander Brown, C/JX.377960 (Hogorth Kippock, Cardross).  
 Able Seaman Ronald Allan Elms, P/JX.328804.  
 Able Seaman John Thomas Garthwaite, P/JX.382332 (West Hartlepool).  
 Able Seaman Arthur James Green, P/JX.327059 (Cheltenham).  
 Able Seaman Mervyn Thomas George Jacobs, D/JX.349727.  
 Able Seaman William McDonald Rae, P/JX.385672.  
 Able Seaman Arthur Reginald Tapping, D/JX.420334 (Newton Heath).  
 Coder Geoffrey Harris, P/JX.405338.  
 Marine William Ernest Johns, Ply/X.111882.

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